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- "The Polish soldiers who participated in this year's maneuvers returned to their barracks in the second half of September [1954]. Because the Army had to help on the state-run farms [PGRs] to save the harvest and because the weather was bad, the maneuvers did not take place to the extent planned for this year [1954]. Despite plans for a good harvest in the beginning of this year, the harvest is very poor this year because it was destroyed by rain. Grain remained unharvested on many PGRs. Part of the soldiers had to be retained on some PGRs in order to harvest sugar beets and other vegetables. A very difficult winter is expected in Poland, and the authorities even now are having difficulties getting food supplies to the population. The authorities plan to purchase grain from Argentina, and ships are now being chartered in some West European countries in order to transport this grain.
- "Men born in 1931 are just now being demobilized. Young men born in 1934 have been called to arms. Three years of soldiers will be under arms this winter [1954]."

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